

National Security Education Program (NSEP)

Strengthening national security through critical language and culture expertise

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NSEP Overview for Hiring Officials



NSEP

- NSEP came into existence with passage of:
 - The David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991
- Our Mission is to:
 - Develop and sustain a flow of U.S. citizen professionals with expertise in critical languages and cultures
- NSEP Objectives:
 - Develop proficiencies in languages and cultures critical to national security
 - Strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness
 - Enhance international cooperation and security
- NSEP carries out its mission by:
 - Funding U.S. students in exchange for a commitment to work in a federal national security-related position
 - Providing grants to U.S. institutions of higher education to build programs of advanced language study in critical languages



NSEP Administration and Oversight

- Secretary of Defense administers program and has delegated responsibility to the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness
- Oversight provided by 14 Member Statutory Board: 8 Federal, 6 Presidential. Federal members:
 - Secretary of Defense (Chair)
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of Commerce
 - Secretary of Energy
 - Secretary of Education
 - Secretary of Homeland Security
 - Office of the Director of National Intelligence
 - Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)



NSEP Programs

BOREN
SCHOLARSHIPS &
FELLOWSHIPS



ENGLISH FOR
HERITAGE LANGUAGE
SPEAKERS



THE LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP



NATIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE CORPS



Boren Scholars and Fellows

- 21 Years of Awards: 1994-2015
- Approximately 5,600 awards given
 - Undergraduate Scholars: \$20,000 for up to one academic year
 - Graduate Fellows: \$30,000 for up to two academic years
- Boren Scholars and Fellows are among the best and brightest in American higher education
- Study languages and areas critical to U.S. national security and motivated by opportunity to serve the nation
- Application deadline was February 9, 2016 for Boren Scholars and January 28, 2016 for Fellows

The Language Flagship

- Builds a pipeline of advanced language competent professionals
- Strategic Partnerships: NSEP, U.S. universities, and the business community
- Integral component of National Security Language Initiative (NSLI)
- Students achieve professional ILR Level 3 proficiency

Languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Hindi
- Korean
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Swahili
- Turkish
- Urdu



Language Flagship Centers

ARABIC

University of Arizona
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Oklahoma
University of Texas, Austin
Moulay Ismail University, Morocco*

CHINESE

Arizona State University
Brigham Young University
Hunter College
Indiana University, Bloomington
San Francisco State University
University of Hawaii
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of North Georgia**
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
Western Kentucky University
Nanjing University, China*
Tianjin Normal University, China*

HINDI URDU

University of Texas, Austin Jaipur Hindi Center, India* Lucknow Urdu Center, India*

KOREAN

University of Hawaii, Manoa Korea University, South Korea*

PERSIAN

University of Maryland, College Park

PORTUGUESE

University of Georgia, Athens Sao Joao Del Rei, Minas Gerais*

RUSSIAN

Bryn Mawr College Portland State University University of California, Los Angeles University of Wisconsin, Madison Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan*

SWAHILI

Indiana University, Bloomington
State University of Zanzibar, Tanzania*

TURKISH

Indiana University, Bloomington Ankara University, Turkey*

- * Overseas Flagship Center
- ** Program for ROTC Component



THE LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP

Creating Global Professionals

English for Heritage LanguageSpeakers Program (EHLS)

- Intensive English language training for heritage populations
- Students are fluent in foreign languages critical to the national security community
- Students achieve professional level proficiency in English
- Program conducted at Georgetown University
- Receive a living stipend of \$3,600 per month for first 6 months and \$1,200 per month for last two months
- Applications for 2016 are closed. Applications for 2017 will be opened in the winter of 2016.

EHLS Open Source Analysis Project (OSAP)

- Capstone initiative of the EHLS Program
- Students research unclassified topics provided by federal agencies.
 Federal agencies also provide "mentors" who checks in with the scholar several times during the project
- NGIC began providing topics in 2009, and has served as the primary government partner for OSAP since 2013
- Final results are presented at a formal symposium held each June at Georgetown University, Washington DC
- Final reports and symposium videos are available on Intelink-U



National Language Service Corps (NLSC)

This initiative is comprised of American citizen volunteers proficient in critical foreign languages to assist the nation, particularly during times of crisis and emergencies, both domestically and internationally. The NLSC engages potential clients with its capabilities and responds to their current, emergent, and future language requirements

- The NLSC is comprised of readily available individuals with language skills prepared to provide surge language support for the US government
- NLSC has more than 6,375 members representing a total of 346 languages with the number growing every day
- Since inception, NLSC has provided more than 30,000 work-hours in support of 40 US government agencies
- Website: www.NLSCorps.org

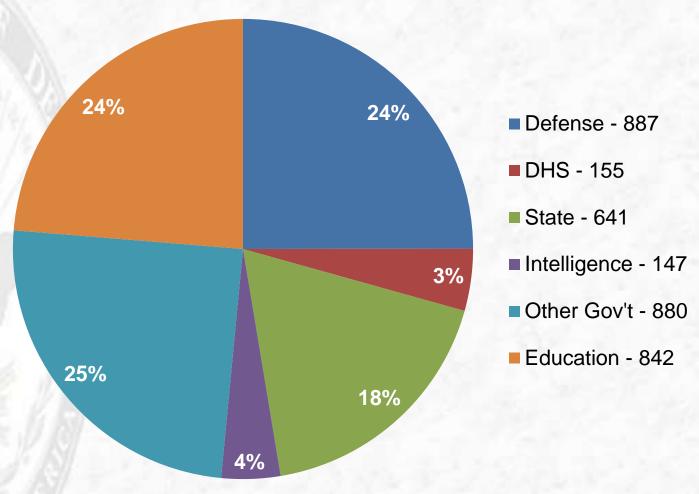


The NSEP Service Requirement

- Unique Congressionallymandated service requirement identifies outstanding U.S. students motivated by an opportunity to work for the U.S. national security community.
- More than 2,700 NSEP award recipients have contributed to U.S. national security through work for the Departments of Defense, State, Intelligence Community as well as other federal organizations (e.g. Depts. of Commerce, Energy, Treasury).
- Award recipients <u>may</u> be appointed to Federal Government positions under the Schedule A Excepted Service Appointing Authority – 5 CFR 213.3102 (r).
- Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of State or the head of a Federal Agency or office with national security responsibilities may appoint NSEP award recipients to positions in the excepted service (50 U.S.C. 1902).

Overall NSEP Service

All Positions Held by Award Recipients



Total Positions by Department: 3,552



Department of Defense Placement

TOTAL = 887 positions			
Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies	2	Department of the Navy	106
Combatant Commands	16	Joint Chiefs of Staff	2
Defense Contractor	254	National Defense University	58
Defense Contract Management Agency	2	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	23
Defense Finance and Accounting Service	3	National Ground Intelligence Center	19
Defense Information Systems Agency	2	National Security Agency	54
Defense Intelligence Agency	64	Office of the Secretary of Defense	28
Defense Language Institute	8	U.S. Marine Corps	18
Defense Threat Reduction Agency	4	U.S. Mission to NATO	3
Department of the Air Force	36	National Language Service Corps	77
Department of the Army	98	Other	10

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